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QU professor honoured with Takreem award

Qatar University's mechanical engineering department head Prof Abdelmagid Hamouda has been honoured with the Takreem Scientific and Technological Achievement Award, one of the highest awards in the Arab world. The brainchild of renowned media figure Ricardo Karam, the Takreem Awards are designed to revitalise Arab consciousness, celebrate Arab intellectual contributions in various categories, and to inspire future generations of Arab youth to strive for excellence in their chosen fields. At the awards ceremony and gala dinner on Friday in Beirut, Prof Hamouda was honoured along with winners of the nine other categories. In his category, Prof Hamouda was one of four finalists selected from hundreds of candidates. The final decision was made by a jury comprising Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan, former UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali, Jordanian diplomat and politician Dr Marwan Muasher, and Renault chairman and CEO Carlos Ghosn. Prof Hamouda, along with the other winners, was hosted by Lebanese President Michel Suleiman.